Production of Power by Co-Generation

3780. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for tapping of vast potential offered by co-generation in industries like sugar, fertilizers and textiles as an additional source for producing power, as is being done in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Government of India is aware of the potential of co-generation of electricity in industrial sector. Proposals of co-generation in process industries are accorded techno-economic clearance by CEA as and when they are received by the Government. With a view to further encouraging this practice which, *inter alia*, helps in energy conservation, besides according certain fiscal benefits to the concerned industries, the Ministry of Power has set up a Task Force to assess the additional potential of co-generation and suggest effective ways and means to harness it.

In order to encourage co-generation of surplus power in sugar mills, Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources has launched a national porgramme on Bagasse based co-generation under which a set of fiscal and promotional incentives have been offered to sugar mills intending to adopt modern high efficiency co-generation schemes for surplus power generation.

Lignite-Based Power Projects in Gujarat

3781. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has decided to involve several State Government Undertakings in setting up of the two lignite-based power stations at Akirimota in Kachh district and Magrol in Surat district after its failure to attract the large private companies in setting up these stations for which bids were invited earlier this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these two lignite-based power stations are likely to be completed and total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) whether it is a fact that due to lukewarm response from the private companies, the State Government dropped a proposal of setting up a third 250 m.w. new lignite-based power station in Bhavnagar district;

(e) whether the State Government propose to set up new coal-based thermal power stations in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the financial partners of this venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Equipment used by Enron for Dabhol Project

3782. SHRI JIBON ROY:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Enron is allowed to bring the generator sets for the gas-based Dabhol project in Maharashtra from GE and Bechtel of the US, despite the fact BHEL manufactures and instals the same kind of turbines in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of Dabhol project can be brought down by around Rs. 4,000 crores if BHEL is allowed to supply equipment, manufactured in India; and

(c) if so, whether the Power Minister have taken necessary safeguard to guarantee that indigenously built equipment are used by Enron?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) M/s. ENRON have been allowed to bring the 225 MW